IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Crl. Misc. No. 43832-M of 2006

DATE OF DECISION : 04.09.2006

Beant Singh

.... PETITIONER

Versus

State of Punjab

..... RESPONDENT

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. N.S. Gill, AAG, Punjab.

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Petitioner Beant Singh has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 156 dated 20.8.2005 under Sections 419/420/465/467 IPC, registered at Police Station City Mansa.

I have heard counsel for the respondent-State and gone through the contents of the FIR as well as the order dated 21.7.2006, passed by Addl. Sessions Judge, Mansa, whereby bail application of the petitioner has been dismissed.

In this case, the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender. Subsequently, he is stated to be arrested on 23.6.2006. Since then, he is in custody. Counsel for the respondent-State has informed this Court that the case is at the stage of prosecution evidence and till now, not even a single witness has been examined.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, nature of the offence and the fact that the trial is likely to take long time, without commenting on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner. He is, accordingly, ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court.

September 04, 2006 **(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)**

ndj **JUDGE**